

DEFINITION OF 'PUBLIC OFFICE'

Members of the CCEC may not have been appointed to, elected to or have run for any public office, including precinct committeeman or served as an officer of a political party in this state within the five years preceding appointment (A.R.S. §16-955(B)). In making nominations for the CCEC, the following factors will be considered in determining whether an applicant will be disqualified as having held or run for a public office:

1. Is the applicant currently holding a position, which is created by the Arizona constitution or a statute?
2. If so, is the position authorized to independently perform duties that involve exercise of the state's authority?

These factors will be considered on a case-by-case basis because it is not possible to provide an exhaustive list of all positions that would be considered 'public office.' However, it is clear that people who have held or run for the following offices within the last five years are *ineligible* for nomination and appointment to the CCEC:

Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Corporation Commissioner, Mine Inspector, State House of Representatives and Senate, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Superior Court, Justice of the Peace, Municipal Court Judge or Magistrate, County Supervisor, County Sheriff, Clerk of Superior Court, County Assessor, County Recorder, County School Superintendent, County Treasurer, Constable, Mayor, City Council, School Board, Community College Board, Water or Fire District, and all constitutional and statutory boards and commissions that are not advisory in nature.

The above list is *not* exhaustive and there may be other positions that would be considered 'public office.' If you have held or run for any government position or served on any governmental board or commission, at the state or local level, please indicate the positions in your application so they may be evaluated to determine your eligibility.